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Haverhill Dec.r 4th. 1780

Sir

I have received yours by Capt. Aldrich. in which you desired me to state the accomp.ts between us, and send them the first opportunity I had. I am not able to do it. the Leather is now out of the vats, but Mr Foster would not take the Leather, without a survey. & the survey on threw by about one hundred and fifty sides of sole leather, and I offered them to Mr. Foster at half price and he would not take them at that Lay, and I shall not let them go under that, and shall get them worked up if I cant get that price for them. The upper leather we agreed about without a survey. We find a mistake in the number of hides between forty and fifty, and about fifteen delivered to the Indians by Gen.l Bayley's orders, and I dont find he is like to get any money to settle them. but I have delivered to Mr. Foster about three hundred and fifty pounds worth of Leather, and the yard he was to give one hundred pounds for. and now I owe him fifty pounds towards the first payment, and in April five hundred dollars more in silver. If you can pay the money so that Mr. Foster can be settled with to his satisfaction, I am easy. if not. I must sell my farm again, for I dont see as I shall ever get my money for what is due to me from the Public; if I should I should have money to answer my purposes— But this year is in truth worse than the last. I have delivered into store no less than ten tons of flour, and twenty five head of fat cattle and about two hundred bushels peas. & three hundred gallons of rum, and have not received one shilling as yet. But have taken Maj. Childs notes for the same, and I design to let the soldiers have any thing I have till the return of Gen.l Bayley, and then if I dont have some money for what I have done. I design to carry every bushel of my grain off out of this place and my children and leave it to itself. I have done more than every body else in this Country, but I should not have done so much by my own judgement, but on your judgement I trusted and I have not so much money as would buy me a drink of grog.

but now I will yet leave the affair with you what is best. if I know what is what you mentioned in your letter you should be glad I would settle with Mr. Peaslee. If I stop putting any thing into the store. I could settle very well with him. I have received of him at the pond. where I got Capt. Everit to draw off. about one hundred and eighty gallons of bad French rum; twenty two bushels of salt. the salt is good. Mr White has had seventy five gallons of the rum. and nine bushels of the salt. Mr. Merrill has had forty-two gallons of the rum. The remainder of the rum and one yoke of your oxen I let maj. Childs have in the barroom here for the use of the troops-Mr. Peaslee has never sent me any bill of any thing, nor any of your horses. but has been here for money; he says you promised to send some money to me for him. I should be glad to know what your agreement was with Mr. Peaslee about the rum and salt. your letter says Mr. Peaslee was to deliver to you at Coos three hundred gallons of good rum and fifty bushels of the best rock salt. if so. in June- if so very well. let them risque it. Capt. Everet tells me that some of the trees wanted eleven inches of being full. and he would not stir them till I went and brought cash and drawed them off. and I would not give him a receipt for more than I received. so the affair stands now. Sir. I dont mean to trouble you with small things always. but must in justice to myself trouble you once more with those receipts. Maj. Childs orders was to deliver every thing to the Commissary of Issues, or the commanding officer. If you will sign the receipts well. if not. you may destroy them: for the major will do nothing about the affair without your receipt or the Commissaries, so I thought best to send them back. If Robinson has any receipts for bags of any of the inhabitants, pray send them to me. I have heard he has. I have not been able to settle anything with Maj. Childs as yet. The yoke of oxen I gave 14 50th beef for, if you want the oxen you pay for the beef and you shall have the oxen. it was done at your request

I am Dear Sir yours

Cole Hasen

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Jno. Bedel

Chester Town Records Book first page 78. Copy

Whereas the General Assembly of this State at their session at Bennington, in October last, passed an act for the purpose of procuring provisions for the Troops to be imployed in the service of this State for the ensuing year — and whereas it necessary that the Inhabitants of each town, should assemble together to agree upon a plan for raising such provision &c. These are therefore to notify and warn, all the freeholders and inhabitants of the Township of Chester, that they assemble and meet at the dwelling house of William Atwood in said Chester on Monday the 25th day of Instant December at one oclock afternoon to take into consideration, the method for raising said Provisions & to transact any business, as shall be thought necessary to be transacted in said meeting.

Given under our hands at said Chester this 18th day of Decr 1780

William Gilbey
George Earll
Jam's Alcott

Chester Monday Decr 25 1780. agreeable to warning the Inhabitants of the Town of Chester met at time and place and meeting being opened. First chose John Chandler Esq: Moderator to govern said meeting

2ly Voted that the Town will not raise the provisions, according to the act of the General Assembly.

3dly Voted to dissolve the meeting and it was accordingly dissolved

Daniel Heaton Town Clerk

Whereas application has been made to the subscribers by sundry of the Inhabitants of the Township of Chester to warn a Town meeting in said Chester, for the purpose of taking into consideration the neceasity of raising the provisions as required by the Law of this State &c. — and also the method for raising the same

These are therefore, to notify and warn all the freeholders and Inhabitants of said Chester to meet at the dwelling house of William Atwood, in said Chester on Monday the 29th day of

instant January at one o'clock afternoon, then and there to take under consideration, the necessity of raising Such provisions &c. — and the method now &c and to transact such other business as shall be thought necessary — to be transacted in Said meeting

Dated at Chester this 20th day of January 1781

William Gilkey } Select
George Earll Jr. } men of Chester

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of Chester legally convened 1st made choice of Colo. Thomas Chandler Esqr. Moderator to govern said Meeting

2d chose Jabez Sargeant Junr. Clerk pro tempor

3d voted to raise the provisions as required by Law

4th voted to raise as the Rate bill is made

5th voted to dissolve the meeting and it was accordingly dissolved

Jabez Sargeant Clerk pro tem March. 27. 1781

7th Voted. Capt. Earll raise six men, not Exceeding 15 pounds to be paid by the town after an average is made of what Each man has done in the war

Voted John Chandler Esq. Mr. Gilkey Mr. Olcott. be a committee with the officers to make an Everage.

Whereas the General Assembly have ordered that there be 300 able bodied (including officers) be raised in this State for the ensuing Campaign according to the list of the Town for the year 1781, and the quota of said men for the Town of Chester as appears by a list sent to us from the board of war is four men, which the town are ordered to raise by the 15th of this instant April. This is therefore to notify, and warn all the Freeholders and inhabitants of the Township of Chester that they assemble and meet at the dwelling house of Moses Gile Junr. in said Chester on Monday the 15th day of this instant April at one of the clock in the afternoon; then and there 1st To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting 2d to take under consideration what way to take to raise said four men, that are required to be raised in said Town of Chester, or act there on as the Town shall think